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1. Naoki Abe, Hiroshi Mamitsuka, "Nodou Gakushu to Hakken Kagaku (Active Learning and Discovery Science)," in "Hakken Kagaku to Deta Mainingu (Discovery Science and Data Mining)," edited by Shinichi Morishita, Satoru Miyano, Kyoritsu Shuppan, June 2001, ISBN 4-320-12018-3, pp. 64-71.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-229026, published August 24, 2001, with English abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-249912, published September 14, 2001, with English abstract.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-316754, published November 16, 1999, with English abstract.

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